

Accessibility in Yellowstone



***A guide
for visitors
who use
wheelchairs***

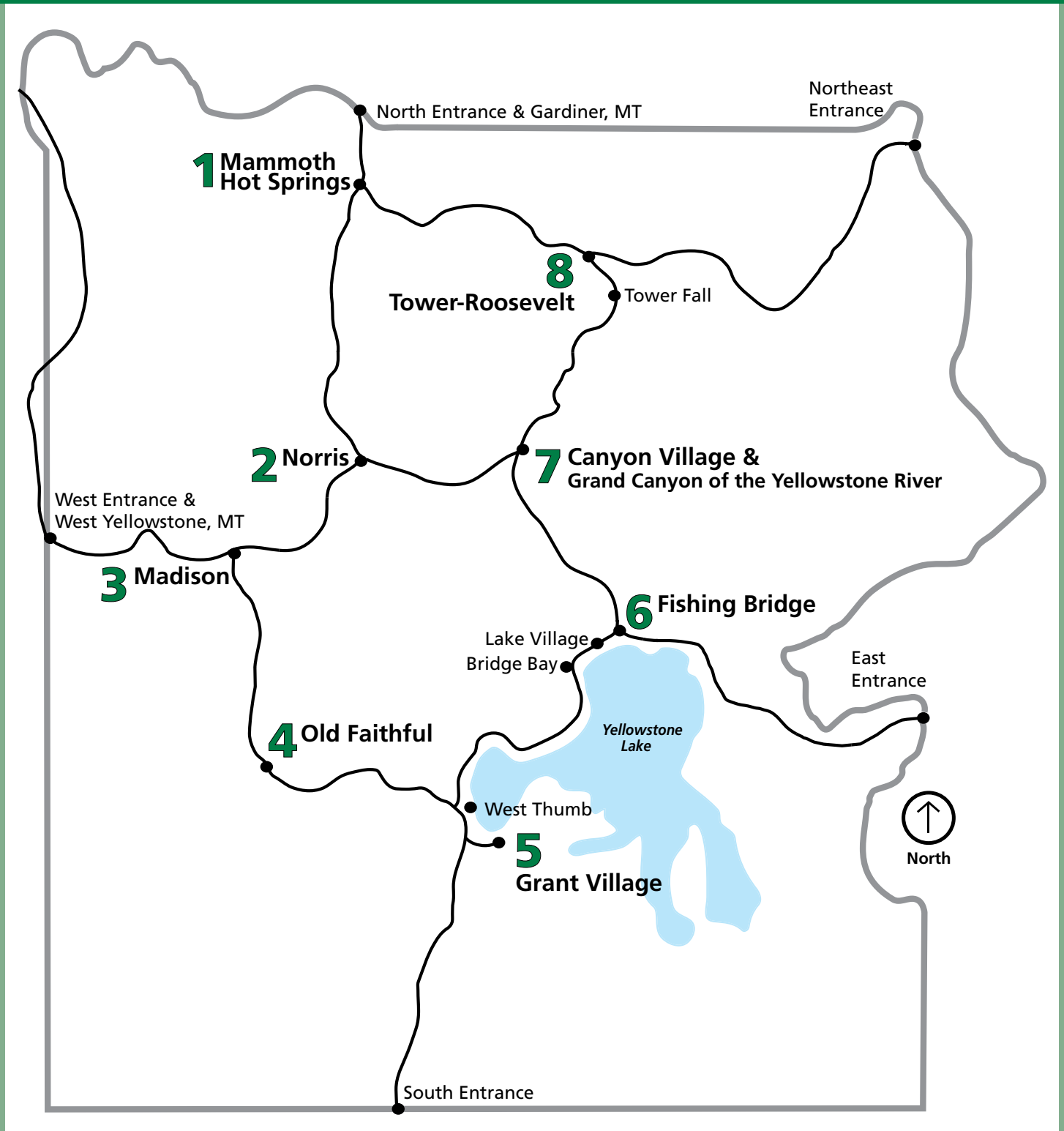
***includes some
information on
audio and visual
accessibility***



**Yellowstone
National Park**

Free

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK



SYMBOLS USED ON THE MAJOR AREA MAPS IN THIS GUIDE

Visitor center or information station	Designated accessible parking	Food	Campground
Medical clinic	Restrooms	Lodging	Picnic area
Service station	General store, mini store, gift shop	Post office	



Yellowstone National Park is the world's first national park, established in 1872. We hope you will enjoy visiting the geysers and other hydrothermal features, viewing the world-class scenery, and watching wildlife.

This guide primarily is for visitors using wheelchairs or who have other mobility needs. The universal symbol for wheelchair-accessibility, shown above, indicates a facility or walkway that complies with federal guidelines.

Pages 4–5 have general information about wheelchair-accessibility in the park, and some information about audio and visual aids for visitors who need this type of assistance.



Above: The Old Faithful area has several miles of boardwalks and paved paths.
Below: Waiting for Grand Geyser to erupt.



The rest of the guide presents more detailed information about wheelchair-accessibility in each major visitor area. These areas are listed by name and number as shown on the map on page 2 and table of contents below.

Improvements Underway

Many facilities are more than a century old and accessibility is not always ideal. However, we are improving accessibility as quickly as possible.

Information in this guide is accurate as of April 2010. For updates, consult the park's official website (listed below) or a ranger at a visitor center.

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General Information

These two pages provide an overview of wheelchair accessibility in Yellowstone National Park. Details are provided on the following pages for each major area in the park.



The Access Pass allows free entrance to federal fee areas and can be shown for some discounts on services. The pass is free for citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who present documentation (such as from a licensed physician, the Veteran's Administration, or a vocational rehabilitation agency) of a permanent medical disability. The Golden Access Passport is still valid, but you can trade it in for the new Access Pass. Obtain the Access Pass at Yellowstone's entrance stations or <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>.

? Information

Yellowstone has nine visitor centers and information stations. Canyon & Old Faithful visitor education centers and the Albright (Mammoth) and Grant visitor centers are wheelchair-accessible. Norris and Madison information stations may require assistance; Fishing Bridge is partially wheelchair-accessible.

+ Medical Clinics

Mammoth, Old Faithful, and Lake clinics are wheelchair-accessible. Only Mammoth is open year round.

P Designated Accessible Parking

Accessible parking is designated in all major areas and at some overlooks, wayside exhibits, and picnic areas.

Wheelchair Rental

Manual wheelchairs can be rented at medical clinics for a \$300 deposit and \$10 per day. Wheelchairs are available for loan at each lodging facility except Roosevelt Lodge, and at the Old Faithful, Canyon, and Albright (Mammoth) visitor centers while in those areas.

Motorized personal vehicles

Motorized wheelchairs and scooters that are designed solely for use by a person with a mobility impairment are allowed; follow the regulations on page 22 & 23.

The Segway® Personal Transporter and similar stand-up personal vehicles used by persons with disabilities are allowed although terrain may limit their usefulness. Details on page 23.

Service Animals

Qualified service animals assisting people with disabilities are allowed throughout the park and in all park facilities. However, they must be leashed. You must have a permit to bring a service animal into the backcountry due to wildlife and safety issues. See page 22.

Restrooms

Wheelchair-accessible restrooms with sinks and flush toilets are located at all major areas except West Thumb. Accessible vault toilets are found at West Thumb, Norris, some scenic overlooks, most picnic areas, and all campgrounds.

Service Stations

Service stations are staffed seasonally during daylight hours and have call buttons.

\$ ATM

Wheelchair-accessible ATM machines are available in the park's major areas.

Dining

Wheelchair-accessible dining options include snacks, fast food, and dining rooms.

Lodging

Wheelchair-accessible lodging is available in all areas of the park.

Post Offices

Mammoth, Old Faithful, Grant, and Canyon post offices are wheelchair-accessible. Only Mammoth is open year round.



Stores & Gift Shops

The Old Faithful and Canyon areas have wheelchair-accessible general stores, gift shops (in lodging), and bookstores (in visitor centers). Store accessibility in other areas varies.



Picnic Areas

Wheelchair accessibility at picnic areas varies and is improving. Ask for a free handout, Yell 455, at visitor centers; it has the most current information. The Soda Butte Creek picnic area has accessible parking and an accessible table; see the Tower-Roosevelt description.



Fishing

An accessible fishing site exists on the Madison River; see the Madison area description. Consult the *Yellowstone Fishing Regulations* for general fishing information.



Boating

Bridge Bay Marina and Grant Village have wheelchair-accessible boating facilities. See the following pages; consult the park newspaper or website for regulations and permit requirements.



Campgrounds

Most campgrounds have at least one wheelchair-accessible site; details on the following pages. The exceptions are Fishing Bridge RV Park, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall.

Backcountry Camping

The Ice Lake backcountry campsite is reserved for those with disabilities, parents with children under 6 years of age, and adults over 62 years of age. Wheelchair users may require assistance. The trailhead is between Norris and Canyon; the wheelchair-accessible trail is about one-half mile long. Contact the park's main backcountry office, 307-344-2160, for more details.



Showers

Wheelchair-accessible public showers are available at Grant Village Camper Services Building and Old Faithful Inn.



Walkways & Self-Guiding Trails

Most walkways and self-guiding trails have at least one wheelchair-accessible walkway.

Exhibits

There are many wheelchair-accessible roadside interpretive exhibits throughout the park. They include Obsidian Cliff (Grand Loop Road between Mammoth and Norris) and Orange Spring Mound (Mammoth area).

Visitor center exhibits are wheelchair-accessible as noted in the area descriptions.



Ranger Programs

Accessible ranger programs are noted in the program schedule, which is available in the park newspaper, at visitor centers, or on the website.

AUDIO ASSISTANCE



Films shown at the Canyon and Old Faithful visitor education centers include assistive listening devices and captioning. Films shown in other visitor center theaters meet some accessibility needs.



Sign language interpreters are available for ranger programs with three weeks advance notice. Call 307-344-2251.



All public telephones in the park have volume control. Inquire locally for locations.



Public TTY Service will be available in all major areas by October 2010.

VISUAL ASSISTANCE



The park newspaper, *Yellowstone Today*, is available in a braille edition at visitor centers.



Large print text available at www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm

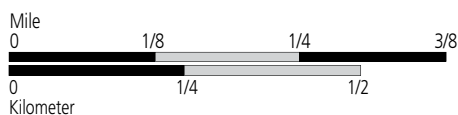
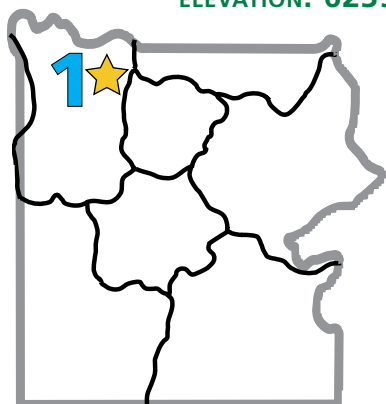


Films shown at the Canyon, Grant, and Old Faithful visitor centers are audio described.

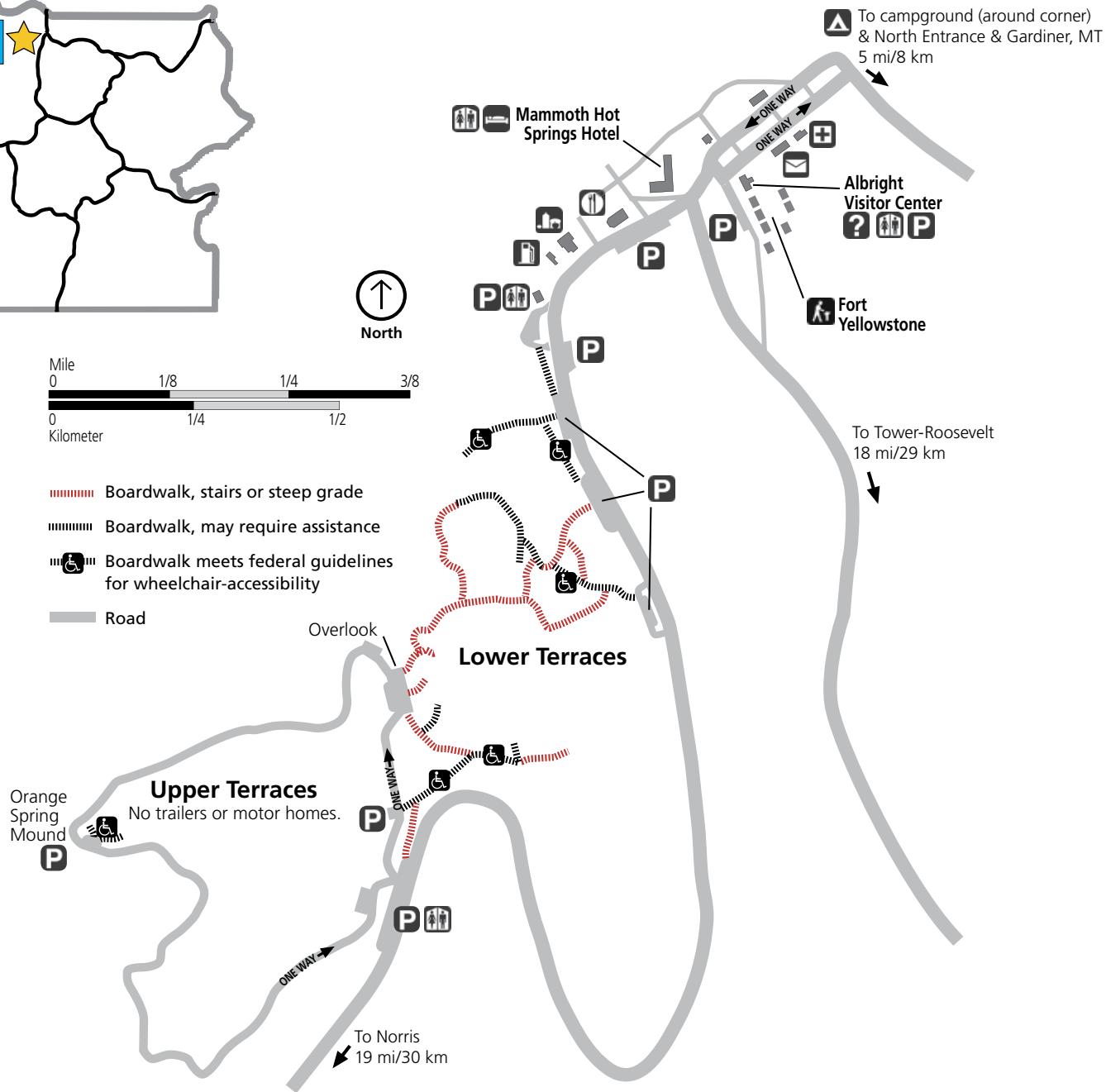


Mammoth Hot Springs

ELEVATION: 6239FT 1902M



- Boardwalk, stairs or steep grade
- Boardwalk, may require assistance
- Boardwalk meets federal guidelines for wheelchair-accessibility
- Road



Upper Terraces



Arrowleaf Balsamroot



U.S. Army Soldier



Elk fawn



VISITOR FACILITIES

Wheelchair Rental

Wheelchairs can be rented at the medical clinic for a \$300 deposit and \$10 per day. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the hotel for its guests, and at the visitor center while in the area.

Albright Visitor Center

Wheelchair access is at the rear of the building. Press the call button marked at the top of the ramp if you need help.

Medical Clinic

Wheelchair access is at the rear of the building; no wheelchair-accessible restrooms.

Restrooms

Wheelchair-accessible restrooms are left of the service station, in the Terrace Grill and Mammoth Hotel lobby, and on the third floor of the Albright Visitor Center.

Designated Accessible Parking

Visitor Center: Two spaces on the side of the building and two in the rear.

Terrace Grill: Two spaces.

Hotel: Two spaces in front and two in the rear.

Food Service

Terrace Grill: Fast food.

Mammoth Hotel Dining Room: Wheelchair-accessible entrance & restrooms in Terrace Grill.

Stores

Hotel: Front entrance accessible; gift shop near front door.

Albright Visitor Center: Bookstore (see above).

Lodging

Hotel: Front entrance accessible; two accessible rooms available.

Campgrounds

Mammoth: Five accessible sites.

Indian Creek (south of Mammoth): One site.

Yellowstone Heritage & Research Center

Located north of the North Entrance in Gardiner, MT, this wheelchair-accessible building houses the park's research library and has exhibits about the park's history.

LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA

Films

Films shown at the Albright Visitor Center are captioned.

Area Trail Guides

Available for 50¢ at the Albright Visitor Center and near the boardwalks. The Mammoth area guide describes the hydrothermal features of Mammoth Hot Springs. The Fort Yellowstone guide describes the historic area; see below.

Ranger-led Programs

The schedule is in the park newspaper, *Yellowstone Today*, on the website, and posted around the Mammoth area. Evening programs at the hotel and campground are wheelchair-accessible; others as noted in the schedule.

WHAT TO SEE

Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces

Enjoy the Lower Terraces from boardwalks that are wheelchair-accessible. See map at left and the area trail guide.

Upper Terrace Drive also offers wheelchair-accessible viewing. Enter the drive and proceed a short distance to the designated parking area on the left; the boardwalk begins on the right.

Continue 0.7 miles (1.1 km) around the drive to Orange Spring Mound, which has wheelchair-accessible parking and a short boardwalk to an exhibit.

Fort Yellowstone

Enjoy a self-guiding tour of this historic site at Mammoth Hot Springs, which dates from the time of U.S. Army management (1886–1918).

Forces of the Northern Range

This short boardwalk has exhibits explaining how volcanos, glaciers, and fire shaped the landscape east of Mammoth Hot Springs. Exhibits also identify some of the area's plants and animals. Eight miles (12.9 km) east on the road to Tower-Roosevelt. No restroom.



Norris Geyser Basin & Area

ELEVATION: 7484FT 2281M



*Rough and uneven,
with steep sections.
Assistance may
be required.*

*Uneven ground &
many stairs.*

Porcelain Basin

Museum ?

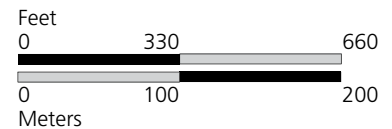
Bookstore

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To Norris Junction,
Campground,
Ranger Museum



North



- Improved trail, may be paved;
may require assistance
- Stairs, steep grade,
or uneven ground
- Boardwalk,
may require assistance
- Road

VISITOR FACILITIES

Norris Geyser Basin Museum

Curb cut and paved trail to the museum.

Restrooms

Geyser Basin: Restroom building across from accessible parking; accessible vault toilets in the parking area.

Campground: At the entrance.

Designated Accessible Parking

Geyser Basin: At the trail entrance.

Ranger Museum: In front.

Campground

0.8 miles/1.3 km north of Norris Junction:
Two accessible sites.

Constant Geyser erupts frequently, and can be seen from the Norris Geyser Basin Museum.



LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA

Area Trail Guide

Available for 50¢ from the box in front of the museum, this guide includes a map and descriptions of the hydrothermal features of the Norris Geyser Basin.

Ranger-led Programs

Offered in summer. The schedule is in the park newspaper, *Yellowstone Today*, on the website, and posted around the Norris area. Visitors attending programs at the campground amphitheater may require assistance.

Museum of the National Park Ranger

Wheelchair-accessible entrance; the boardwalk around the building offers views of the meadow and Gibbon River.

WHAT TO SEE

Norris Geyser Basin

Visitors using wheelchairs can see the steam and colors of Porcelain Basin from the museum and view Emerald Pool nearby. But wheelchair travel into Porcelain and Back basins is difficult due to stairs, steep inclines, and uneven ground. Visitors using manual wheelchairs may require assistance; motorized wheelchairs may not have enough power. Consult the area trail guide or ask a ranger to recommend routes.

Roaring Mountain

4.9 miles/7.9 km north of Norris Junction, Roaring Mountain is a large, acidic hydrothermal area (solfatara) with many fumaroles. Large pullout; exhibit is wheelchair-accessible.

Obsidian Cliff

8.4 miles/13.6 km north of Norris Junction, this National Historic Landmark can be viewed from a large pullout, which also features an accessible historic exhibit.

Artists Paintpots

3.8 miles/6 km south of Norris Junction, the lower portion of this colorful hydrothermal area is wheelchair-accessible. The trail to the mudpots is steep and rough, and not recommended for visitors using wheelchairs.



Madison Junction & West Yellowstone

ELEVATION: 6806FT 2091M



North

Feet
0 330 660
Meters
0 100 200



Park road



Area road



Unpaved trail,
may require assistance

To West Entrance &
West Yellowstone, MT
14 mi/23 km

To Norris
14 mi/23 km

Amphitheater

Madison
Information Station
& Bookstore

Mount Hayden



Gibbon River

To Old Faithful
16 mi/26 km

VISITOR FACILITIES

Madison Information Station & Junior Ranger Station

The building is located downhill approximately 250 feet (76 m) from the parking area. Wheelchair users may require assistance.

Restrooms

Wheelchair-accessible restrooms are on the right as you drive into the parking area.

Designated Accessible Parking

Space available in front of the restrooms and at the walkway leading to the information station.

Madison Picnic Area

Wheelchair users may require assistance; no wheelchair-accessible tables available yet.

Tuff Cliff

A short drive north of Madison Junction, this picnic area has a wheelchair-accessible vault toilet and information about the volcanic cliff.

Fishing Ramp & Platform

At the Mount Haynes Overlook, approximately 3.5 miles (5.6 km) west of Madison Junction.

Campground

Three wheelchair-accessible sites, which can be reserved.

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

Located 14 miles (23 km) west of Madison Junction, in the town of West Yellowstone, MT. Wheelchair-accessible entrance and restrooms.

LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA

Ranger-led Programs

Offered in summer. The schedule is in the park newspaper, *Yellowstone Today*, on the website, and posted around the Madison and West Yellowstone areas.

Madison: Visitors attending programs at the amphitheater may require assistance. Other programs as noted in the schedule.

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center: All programs are accessible to visitors using wheelchairs.

WHAT TO SEE

Madison Junction

Here, the Gibbon River joins the Firehole River to form the Madison River—which is one of the three forks forming the Missouri River.

You can enjoy views of this area from several large, wheelchair-accessible pullouts on the West Entrance Road. Visitors using wheelchairs may require assistance using some of the trails leading from the campground to the river; inquire at the Madison Information Station or the campground office.

National Park Mountain

Wheelchair-accessible views along the West Entrance Road. Exhibits at the Madison Information Station explain the origin of the mountain's name; wheelchair users may require assistance.

Firehole Canyon Drive

Approximately one mile (1.6 km) south of Madison Junction, this one-way drive descends to the Firehole River, which flows between two lava flows. Firehole Cascade is at the far end of the drive.

Two Ribbons Trail

12 miles (19.3 km) west of Madison Junction or 2 miles (3.2 km) east of the West Entrance, you can enjoy a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile (1.2 km) boardwalk loop. The trail takes you beside a lovely stretch of the Madison River, through tall lodgepole pines that escaped the 1988 fires and young lodgepoles born in the historic fires. Wheelchair-accessible exhibits.

Terrace Spring

Just north of Madison Junction, an accessible boardwalk takes you to colorful hydrothermal pools. A steep grade exists in the middle of the loop; wheelchair users may require assistance.

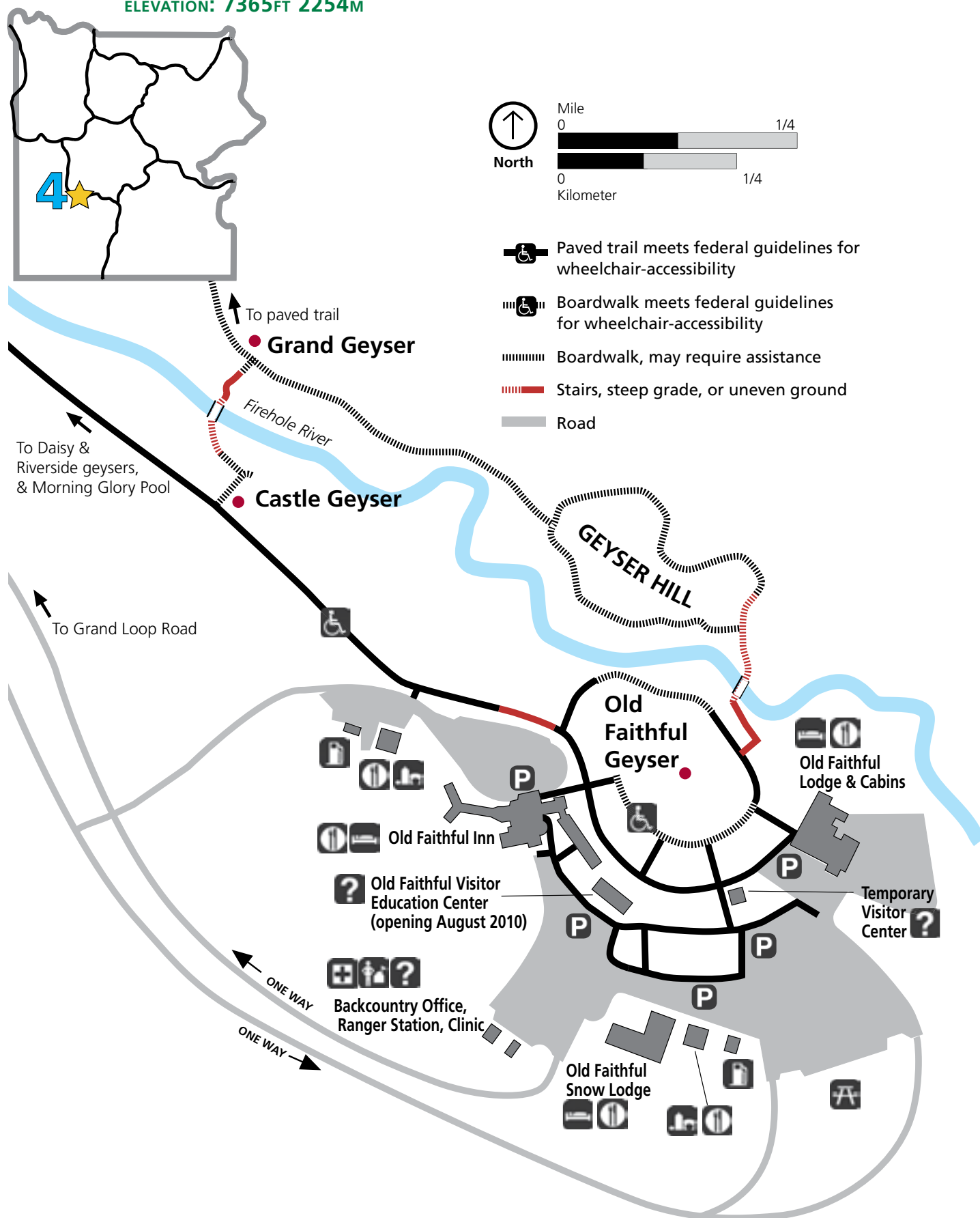
Gibbon Falls

This waterfall, 4.8 miles (7.8 km) north of Madison Junction, is near the edge of the Yellowstone Caldera. The new overlook (opening 2011) includes wheelchair-accessible parking, paths, and views.



Old Faithful

ELEVATION: 7365FT 2254M



VISITOR FACILITIES

Wheelchair Rental

Wheelchairs can be rented at the medical clinic for a \$300 deposit and \$10 per day. Wheelchairs are available for loan at all lodging facilities and the visitor center while in the area.

Old Faithful Visitor Center

Temporary visitor center, in place until August 2010, has ramps. The new Old Faithful Visitor Education Center opens August 2010, and will be wheelchair-accessible.

Medical Clinic

Wheelchair-accessible.

Restrooms

Restrooms in the lodging buildings are accessible. Restroom building near the temporary visitor center has ramps; new visitor center will be wheelchair-accessible.

Designated Accessible Parking

Front and rear of Old Faithful Inn; in front of Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, Old Faithful Lodge & Snow Lodge, and stores.

Food Service

Geyser Grill (located in Snow Lodge): Fast food.
Old Faithful Inn & Snow Lodge: Dining rooms.
Old Faithful Lodge: Cafeteria, snack bar.

Stores

All stores are wheelchair-accessible.

Lodging

Old Faithful Inn: Eight accessible rooms.
Old Faithful Snow Lodge: Five accessible rooms and one accessible cabin.

Campgrounds

No camping at Old Faithful; see Madison Junction and Grant Village for nearest campgrounds.

Shower

Wheelchair-accessible shower in the Old Faithful Inn.

Picnic Areas

East Lot (on map): Wheelchair-accessible table.
Whiskey Flat (north of Biscuit Basin): Wheelchair-accessible table.

LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA

Films & Exhibits

The Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, opening August 2010, will have wheelchair-accessible exhibits, including tactile displays, and audio described and captioned films.

Area Trail Guides


Available for 50¢ at the visitor center and near the boardwalks. The Old Faithful guide describes the Upper Geyser Basin. The Fountain Paint Pot guide serves that area, see below.

Ranger-led Programs

The schedule is in the park newspaper, *Yellowstone Today*, on the website, and posted around the area. Evening programs are wheelchair-accessible; others as noted in the schedule.

WHAT TO SEE

Geyser Basins

 **Upper Geyser Basin:** Wheelchair-accessible walkways lead from all parking areas to Old Faithful Geyser, and from the visitor center to other hydrothermal features. The paved path is also accessible from the general store downhill from the Old Faithful Inn.

Black Sand Basin: One mile (1.6 km) north of the Old Faithful intersection on the main road. A few steep sections on the boardwalk.

Biscuit Basin: Three miles (5 km) north of the Old Faithful intersection on the main road. Will be wheelchair-accessible by mid summer 2010.

Midway Geyser Basin: 5.5 miles (8.9 km) north of the Old Faithful intersection on the main road. Wheelchair-accessible parking, boardwalk, and restrooms.

Fountain Paint Pot & Firehole Lake Drive

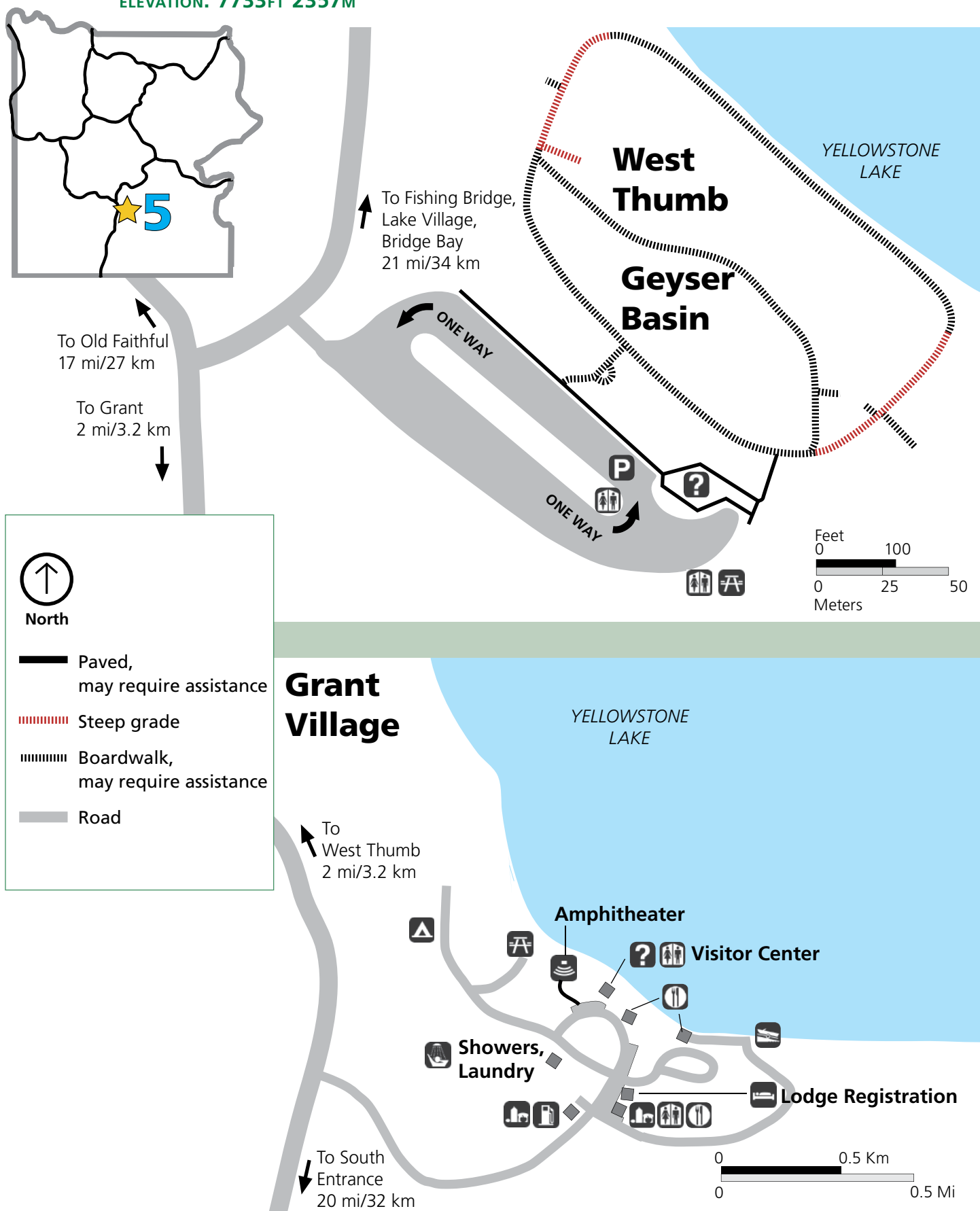
Firehole Lake Drive: Eight miles (12.6 km) north of the Old Faithful intersection on the main road. Boardwalks are wheelchair-accessible; no restrooms.

Fountain Paint Pot: Nine miles (14.5 km) north of Old Faithful. Trail has steep portions and steps; visitors using wheelchairs may need assistance.



Grant Village & West Thumb Geyser Basin

ELEVATION: 7733FT 2357M



VISITOR FACILITIES

? Grant Visitor Center West Thumb Information Center

Both visitor facilities are wheelchair-accessible.

Restrooms

Grant Village: Grant Restaurant, general store, Loop A of campground. At visitor center, wheelchair users may require assistance.

West Thumb: In the parking area.

P Designated Accessible Parking

Grant Village: Visitor center, Grant Restaurant, camper services building (but no curb cut), lodging registration building, post office, and general stores.

Food Service

Grant Village: Grant Restaurant (dining room); Lake House at Grant (fast food); general store (fast food).

Stores

Grant Village: General store, gift shop in lodge registration building, bookstore in visitor center.

Lodging

Grant Village: The lodge registration building is wheelchair-accessible; 12 wheelchair-accessible lodging units.

Campground

Three wheelchair-accessible sites.

Shower

In the Camper Services Building, but wheelchair users may require assistance getting into the building because there is no curb cut.

Boat Launch

The boat launch at Grant Village is wheelchair-accessible.

LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA

CC AD Films & Exhibits

Films at Grant Visitor Center are captioned and audio described.

West Thumb Geyser Basin Trail Guide

Available for 50¢ at the Grant Visitor Center, West Thumb Information Center, and near the boardwalks. The guide describes the basin's hydrothermal features.

Ranger-led Programs

Offered in summer. The schedule is in the park newspaper, *Yellowstone Today*, on the website, and posted around the area. Evening programs at the amphitheater are wheelchair-accessible; others as noted in the schedule.

WHAT TO SEE

West Thumb Geyser Basin

The waters of this geyser basin flow into Yellowstone Lake, the largest lake at high elevation in North America. Enjoy the views of the hydrothermal features, the lake, and the Absaroka Range from the boardwalk. Visitors using wheelchairs may need assistance on the lower loop, which has grades up to 10 percent.

Lewis Falls

11.3 miles (18.3 km) south of West Thumb Junction, this cascade on the Lewis River can be viewed from a pullout along the road. No designated parking, but the pullout may have enough room to maneuver a wheelchair.



Fishing Cone Geyser, with the Absaroka Range in the distance.



Fishing Bridge, Lake Village, Bridge Bay

ELEVATION: 7784FT 2373M



North

0 0.5 Km
0 0.5 Mi

— Bicycle trail, may require assistance

— Road

— Bridge

To Canyon
16 mi/26 km

Fishing Bridge



Amphitheater

Visitor Center
? P

To East Entrance
27 mi/43 km

Lake Village

Lake Lodge



Lake Hotel



YELLOWSTONE
LAKE

Bridge Bay

Amphitheater



Marina



To Grant
21 mi/34 km

LeHardys Rapids



Cutthroat trout



Lake Hotel



VISITOR FACILITIES

Wheelchair Rental

Wheelchairs can be rented at the Lake Medical Clinic for a \$300 deposit and \$10 per day. Wheelchairs are available for loan at Lake Hotel for visitors lodging there or at the Lake Lodge.

Fishing Bridge Visitor Center

Entrance, information desk, and some exhibits are wheelchair-accessible.

Medical Clinic (Lake Village)

Wheelchair-accessible; parking in rear.

Restrooms

Fishing Bridge: General store; east side of the visitor center parking area, wheelchair users may require assistance.

Lake Village: Right of the general store; in Lake Hotel; Lake Lodge, wheelchair users may require assistance (no curb cut).

Bridge Bay: Loop A of campground; picnic area on marina entrance road.

Designated Accessible Parking

Fishing Bridge: General store; east side of the visitor center parking area.

Lake: In front of Sandpiper Annex of the hotel.

Bridge Bay: At restrooms.

Food Service

Lake Hotel: Dining room.

Lake Lodge: Cafeteria, wheelchair users may require assistance (no curb cut).

Stores

Fishing Bridge: General store, bookstore in visitor center.

Lake: General store, hotel gift shop.

Bridge Bay: Marina store from boat ramp area.

Lodging

Lake Hotel: Five accessible rooms in annex and five accessible cabins.

Campgrounds

Bridge Bay: Three accessible sites.

Fishing Bridge RV Park: No accessible services.

LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA

Ranger-led Programs

Offered at Fishing Bridge and Bridge Bay in the summer. The schedule is in the park newspaper, *Yellowstone Today*, on the website, and posted around the area. Visitors attending programs at Bridge Bay amphitheater may require assistance; park next to the restroom in D Loop. Fishing Bridge amphitheater is wheelchair-accessible; park on the east side of the parking area.

WHAT TO SEE

Fishing Bridge

This historic bridge spans the Yellowstone River and a cutthroat trout spawning area. Wheelchair users may require assistance because the surface is rough and narrow.

Natural Bridge

Park in pullout on main road just south of bridge over Bridge Bay. This 3 mile (5 km) bike trail culminates at a natural bridge. For current trail conditions, ask at the marina or Fishing Bridge Visitor Center. Trail is on uneven ground; wheelchair users may require assistance.

Lake Butte

Beautiful views of Yellowstone Lake and surrounding areas; famous for sunsets. Spur road begins 10 miles east of Fishing Bridge. Wheelchair users may require assistance.

Mud Volcano

Six miles (10 km) north of Fishing Bridge. Acidic, muddy pools fill the air with steam and pungent odors. Designated accessible parking and wheelchair-accessible restrooms. The lower loop is wheelchair-accessible. Start at the far right end of the parking area. At the boardwalk junction beyond the Mud Volcano, turn left and return to the parking area.

Obtain a guide for 50¢ at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or at the trail entrance; includes a map and descriptions of the features.

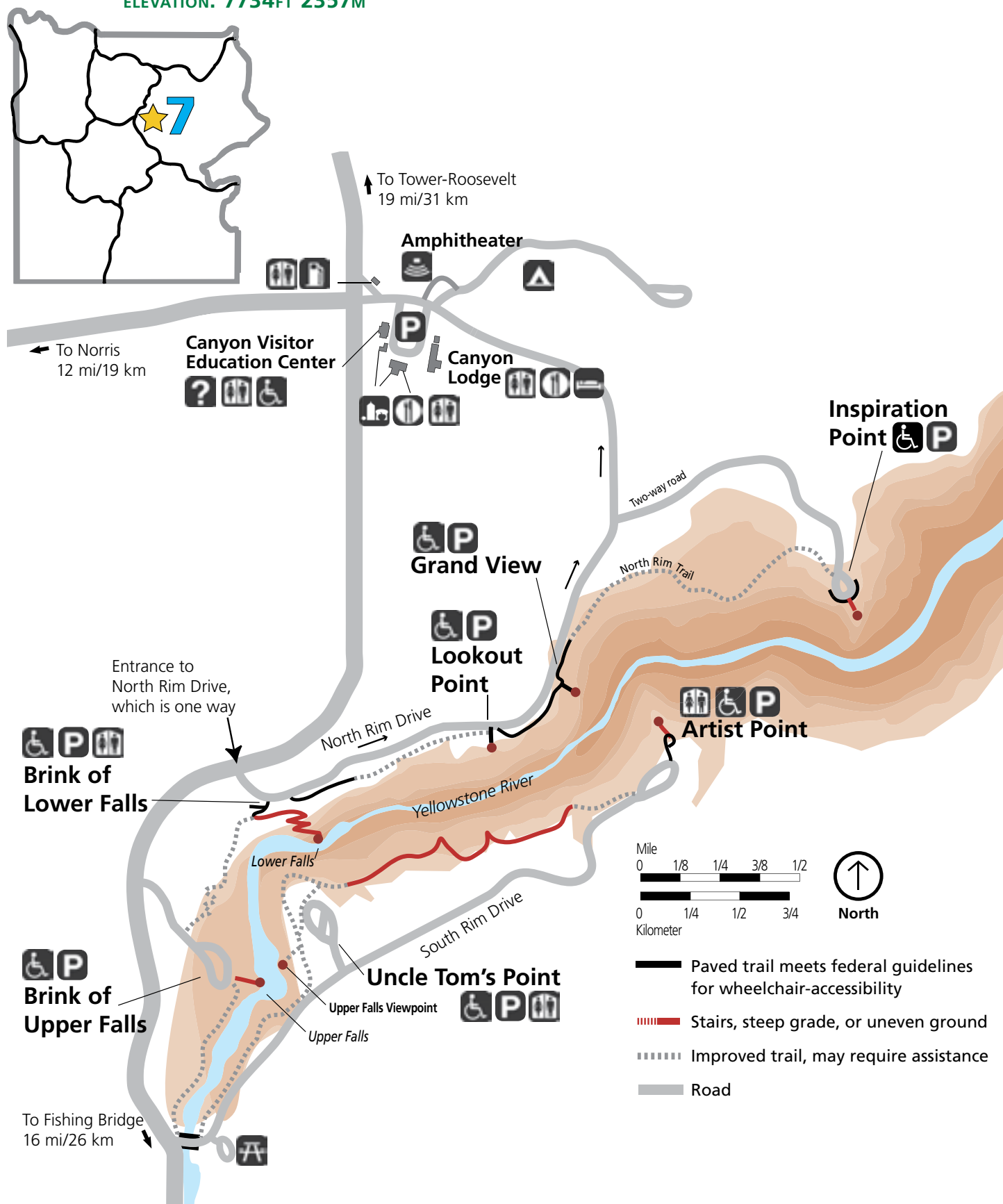
LeHardys Rapids

Three miles (4.8 km) north of Fishing Bridge, park in the second parking area. Wheelchair users may require assistance due to uneven ground; southern part of boardwalk has steps.



Canyon Village & Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone

ELEVATION: 7734FT 2357M



VISITOR FACILITIES

Wheelchair Rental

Wheelchairs are available at the lodge for its guests, and at the visitor center.

Canyon Visitor Education Center

Wheelchair-accessible.

Restrooms

Canyon Visitor Education Center, general stores, Canyon Lodge cafeteria and lounge, service station, campground (Loop L), Brink of Lower Falls parking area, Uncle Tom's Point, Artist Point.

Designated Accessible Parking

Canyon Village: Numerous sites in the main parking area, generally in front of buildings.

North & South Rim: All overlooks.

Brink of Upper Falls

Food Service

Canyon Lodge: Dining room, lounge, cafeteria, snack shop.

Stores

All stores are wheelchair-accessible.

Lodging

Canyon Lodge: Seven accessible rooms in the Dunraven and Cascade buildings. Western Cabin units have portable ramps available through the front desk; the bathrooms are not accessible, but the sinks are in the main room.

Campground

Three accessible sites in the L Loop.

Camper Services Building is not accessible.

Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River



LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA

Films & Exhibits

The Canyon Visitor Education Center has accessible exhibits, and films that are audio described and captioned.

Area Trail Guide

Available for 50¢ at the visitor education center and near some of the overlooks. It includes a map and descriptions of the canyon overlooks, including some accessibility information.

Ranger-led Programs

Offered in the summer and sometimes in the fall. The schedule is in the park newspaper, *Yellowstone Today*, on the website, and posted around the area. Evening programs are wheelchair-accessible; others as noted.

WHAT TO SEE

Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River

North Rim: This one-way road takes you to four overlooks of the canyon and the waterfalls. The accessible portions of the North Rim Trail take you to additional views between the overlooks.

Brink of Upper Falls: A paved path leads you toward the brink, but includes many steps. For another view, continue right at the fork. You will be on a wheelchair-accessible portion of the North Rim Trail, from which you can see the rapids before the falls, and the brink.

South Rim: Follow this road to views of Upper Falls at Uncle Tom's Point and of Lower Falls and the canyon at Artist Point. The path to the Upper Falls view may require assistance. The lower overlook of Artist Point is wheelchair-accessible.

Blowdown Exhibit

8.5 miles (13.5 km) west of Canyon Junction, a short boardwalk leads to an exhibit explaining why the forest in this area was flattened.

Hayden Valley

Scenic valley of the Yellowstone River, between Canyon and Fishing Bridge junctions, famous for wildlife watching. No designated parking, but the large pullouts may have enough room to maneuver a wheelchair. Nearest accessible restrooms at Mud Volcano or Canyon areas.



Tower-Roosevelt

ELEVATION: 6270FT 1911M



To Mammoth Hot Springs
(18 mi/29 km)

To Lamar Valley &
Northeast Entrance
(29 mi/47 km)

To Tower Fall, Dunraven Pass,
Canyon Village (19 mi/31km)



North

— Road

Feet
0 330 660
Meters
0 100 200

Tower Fall



Slopes of Mount Washburn



VISITOR FACILITIES

Many visitor facilities are in the Roosevelt Lodge. The wheelchair-accessible entrance is on the left side of the lodge, across the patio.

Restrooms

Roosevelt: Lodge, service station, parking area near service station.

Tower Fall: Next to the general store.

Designated Accessible Parking

Roosevelt: In front of lodge and general store.

Tower Fall: In front of general store.

Food Service

Roosevelt Lodge: Dining room.

Stores

Roosevelt: Lodge gift shop, general store.

Tower Fall: General store.

Lodging

Roosevelt Lodge: Two accessible cabins.

Picnic Area

Soda Butte Creek (21 miles/34 km east of Tower Junction): One accessible table.

Campgrounds

Tower Campground (3.5 miles/5.6 km south): No accessible sites.

Slough Creek Campground (5.5 miles/8.8 km east): No accessible sites.

LEARNING ABOUT THE AREA

Ranger-led Programs

The nearest visitor centers, with exhibits and ranger-led programs, are the Canyon Visitor Education Center (19 miles/31 km south) and the Albright Visitor Center at Mammoth (18 miles/29 km west). Interpretive park rangers rove the Tower-Roosevelt area, primarily to talk with visitors at “wildlife jams.”

WHAT TO SEE

Tower Fall

Trail to overlook of this 132-foot waterfall is paved, but steep. Wheelchair users may require assistance.

Mount Washburn & Dunraven Pass

The Grand Loop Road crosses Dunraven Pass south of Tower Junction. The north approach is prime wildlife watching, with several large pullouts. Use caution; assistance may be required. The south flanks of the mountain include an overlook and exhibit at Washburn Hot Springs.

Lamar Valley

This scenic valley east of Tower Junction is famous for wildlife watching. Several pullouts may have enough room to maneuver a wheelchair. Accessible restroom at the start of Slough Creek Road and at the horse trailhead.

Lamar Valley



Grizzly bear & cubs



Wheelchairs & Service Animals

I. Use of wheelchairs for the mobility impaired is allowed in the backcountry in accordance with the following regulations:

CFR 36, Part 1. Section 1.2 (e): The regulations in this chapter are intended to treat a mobility-impaired person using a manual or motorized wheelchair as a pedestrian, and are not intended to restrict the activities of such a person beyond the degree that the activities of a pedestrian are restricted by the same regulations.

Manual and motorized wheelchairs as defined in section 1.4:

Manual wheelchair: A device that is propelled by human power, designed for and used by a mobility-impaired person.

Motorized wheelchair: A self-propelled wheeled device, designed solely for and used by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion, that is both capable of and suitable for use in indoor pedestrian areas.

National Wilderness Preservation System, Section 507:

- (1) In General—Congress reaffirms that nothing in the Wilderness Act is to be construed as prohibiting the use of a wheelchair in a wilderness area by an individual whose disability requires the use of a wheelchair, and consistent with the Wilderness Act, no agency is required to provide any form of special treatment or accommodation, or to construct any facility or modify any conditions of lands within a wilderness area to facilitate such use.
- (2) Definition—For the purposes of paragraph (1), the term wheelchair means a device designed solely for the use by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion that is suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.

II. Use of guide dogs for the hearing and vision impaired and other service animals in the backcountry is allowed with the following guidelines:

A service animal is defined as an animal that performs some of the functions and tasks that the individual with a disability cannot perform such as carrying a pack for persons with mobility impairments, assisting persons with balance, or alerting medically dependent persons of specific conditions (such as oncoming seizures).

Prior to accessing the backcountry with a guide dog or service animal, individuals with disabilities shall complete and obtain the Guide/Service Animal Permit; ask for Yell 470.

Companion dogs or other pets for the mentally or emotionally impaired are not allowed in the backcountry, or on nature trails or boardwalks.

The information on this page is also available in a free handout, Yell 446.

Segway® Personal Transporters & Similar Vehicles

Visitors who would otherwise need to use manual or motorized wheelchairs are allowed some use of the Segway® Personal Transporter and similar stand-up personal vehicles. Increasing numbers of people with permanent disabilities are opting to use this type of device to help with their mobility. Although wheelchairs are allowed wherever pedestrians are allowed in Yellowstone National Park, stand-up personal vehicles do not meet the description of a wheelchair (see p. 22) and their use is limited for safety reasons.

RULES FOR USING STAND-UP PERSONAL VEHICLES

Operators must have a federal Access Pass in their possession.

The Access Pass is free for citizens or permanent residents of the United States who provide documentation of a medically determined permanent disability that severely limits one or more major life activities, such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. Documentation may include a statement by a licensed physician, a document issued by the Veterans Administration, proof of Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income, or a document by a state vocational rehabilitation agency. See also “Access Pass” on page 4.

Where stand-up personal vehicles may be used:

- ◆ On sidewalks.
- ◆ At paved overlooks, such as Artist Point in the Canyon area.
- ◆ In campgrounds.
- ◆ On backcountry trails (although terrain may limit their success).

Where stand-up personal vehicles are not allowed:

- ◆ In buildings.
- ◆ On or along the edges of major roads—because of congestion, visibility, and vehicle speeds.
- ◆ On boardwalks—because of their proximity to hydrothermal features and the hazards associated with these areas.

Speed limit for stand-up personal vehicles

No greater than 2–3 mph (3–5 km/h), which is equivalent to walking.

For More Information

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Yellowstone Backcountry Office, for information
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Yellowstone Today, and on the park website,
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